GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REHABILITATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN J&K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted any committee to look into the matter of rehabilitation of women and children suffering from militancy in J&K;

(b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of women and children affected by militancy;

(d) the number of women and children rehabilitated so far; and

(e) the time by when the remaining women and children are likely to be rehabilitated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e) Pursuant to the Second Round Table Conference on Jammu and Kashmir held at Srinagar on May 24-25, 2006, five Working Groups on Jammu and Kashmir were constituted. Working Group-I was on 'Confidence-building measures across segments of society in the State'. The Group was entrusted with the theme to evolve inter-alia schemes to rehabilitate all orphans and widows affected by militancy. The Group in its report has recommended the formulation of a scheme for this purpose.

There is already a Rehabilitation Council functioning in the State of Jammu and Kashmir since 1996, which is looking after the rehabilitation of widows, orphans, handicapped and old men and women, whose bread-winner has been killed or incapacitated by militancy. The details of beneficiaries to be covered under the schemes of he Rehabilitation Council during the year 2007-08 are as under:

Widows	5273
Orphans	8500
Others	3604
Total	17,377

The Rehabilitation Council has provided assistance during 2006-07 to:

Widows	4451
Orphans	5215
Others	1566
Total	11,232

All identified beneficiaries have been covered under the scheme and their number is being updated as and when fresh applications are presented.